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Liberty ARC Awarded Grant

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc., has been awarded an \$815,000 state grant that will enable the agency to remove the existing, outdated water source heat pump system at the agency's largest day habilitation program site located at 47 Liberty Drive, Amsterdam and replace it with a high efficiency air volume distribution system. The 35,307 sq. ft. building was constructed in 1990 with funding provided through the Dormitory Authority (DASNY). Over the years, the configuration of program areas and offices has been altered to meet changing needs. It has become increasingly difficult to control heating and cooling within the building due to the inefficiency and age of the existing system.

The agency is receiving the funding through the New York State Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program, which is administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. Nearly \$100 million was granted to 237 applicants from nonprofit agencies throughout New York. Award recipients were chosen through a competitive RFP process, and applications were evaluated based on the scope of the proposed project; the number of clients who will benefit; how critical the project is for helping the nonprofit serve its target population; how the project is necessary for allowing the nonprofit to serve a new population; as well as other factors.

"We are very pleased to have been chosen as one of the recipients of this grant funding program", said Jennifer Saunders, Liberty CEO. "The day program at 47 Liberty Drive supports a vulnerable population who are especially sensitive to temperature levels. This replacement system will significantly improve the program environment within the day support facility."

Liberty ARC is the largest provider of services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the County providing traditional day, vocational, residential and family support programs to nearly 529 adults and children with disabilities.

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